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Notice of Remote-Only Opt-In Certification Program Rulemaking Workshop

October 9, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Remote Access via Zoom™

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/81309283221?pwd=wMUSOomZVikfSr84CmYBbpmvVW39up.1>

Meeting ID: 813 0928 3221; Passcode: rulemaking

Remote participation instructions are below.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will conduct a public workshop to seek comments from interested parties regarding proposed emergency regulations for the Opt-In Certification Program that will be set forth in Title 20, California Code of Regulations, sections 1875-1882, and Appendix B.

The CEC aims to begin promptly at the posted start time, and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

Agenda

CEC staff will present the proposed regulatory changes and seek public feedback. Interested persons may present comments, statements, arguments, or contentions relevant to the proposed regulations at the public workshop. Comments at the public workshop may be limited to three minutes or less. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Background

The proposed rulemaking updates the CEC's existing regulations implementing the Opt-In Certification Program created by Assembly Bill 205 (2022). In 2025, legislation (Senate Bills 254 and 283) was enacted that amended various provisions concerning the Opt-In Certification Program codified in Chapter 6.2 of Division 15 of the Public Resources Code. The proposed regulations would incorporate these statutory revisions and clarify aspects of the existing regulations.

Among other updates, the proposed regulatory changes would incorporate the statutory presumption of net economic benefits and new statutory requirements for applicants to provide evidence of property rights to the proposed location and consultation with the fire suppression authority. The proposed amendments would also clarify procedures for suspension and early termination of a project application, restructure local agency reimbursement, refine the community benefits agreement process, address post-certification change in project ownership or operational control, and update the Appendix B information requirements applicable to the Opt-In Certification Program. Proposed regulatory amendment language is provided at the end of this notice.

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Public Comment

All information submitted will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine; please do not include any personal contact information.

Written comments may be submitted through the CEC's electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket at

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Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB. If you need assistance with submitting comments, please contact the Docket Unit at docket@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5076.

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the

"raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on [October 12, 2026](#).

A paper copy may be mailed to:

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